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EXAMINING GROUP 2135**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Germano CARONNI et al.

Application No.: 09/457,914

Filed: December 10, 1999

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
ENABLING SCALABLE
SECURITY IN A VIRTUAL
PRIVATE NETWORK**

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 22, 2005, the period for response extending to July 22, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include copies of the Information Disclosure Statements filed April 8 and 14, 2005, including forms PTO/SB/08 and copies of stamped return post cards.

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